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Office Action Summary

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Examiner Edward Cain	Group Art Unit 1714

—The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet beneath the correspondence address—

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/17/02
- This action is **FINAL**.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-22 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 1-9 and 15-22 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 132(a)).

*Certified copies not received:

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 _____ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 _____ Other _____

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1. The amendment received September 17, 2002 has been made of record.

Claims 1-9 and 15-22 are pending.

2. Claims 4 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This rejection is maintained. Applicant did not address this rejection in the response.

3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kangas or Leising or Smith or Sikes or Plochocka or Takeda or Exner.

4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chiao or Moody.

5. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kangas or Leising or Smith or Sikes or Plochocka or Takeda or Exner or Chiao or Moody.

Each of these rejections are maintained for reasons of record.

Applicant did not address these rejection in the response.

6. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 21 recites "shell sand". The examiner cannot ascertain what applicants intend the ingredient to be. Applicants should supply a written description of what this ingredient comprises dated on or before the filing date of the application.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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He et al disclose bar soap composition comprising polymer, surfactants, and exfoliants (peeling agents) (see claim 1, 2, 22 and 23).

The further incorporation of EDTA is shown by example at Table 3.

Therefore, the reference anticipated the rejected claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Cain whose telephone number is 703-308-0042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 703-306-2777. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9097 for regular communications and 703-872-9310 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

E. Cain/mn
December 20, 2002

